

on the strip of media when a longitudinal force is applied to the strip of media;
and

- (B) a second side portion, the second side portion being adapted to abut the surface of the strip of media adjacent to the second side of the strip of media and apply resistance on the strip of media when a longitudinal force is applied to the strip of media;

wherein the tear bar is formed from an integrally formed shaft having a substantially semi-circular lateral cross-section.

2. The tear bar of claim 1 wherein the first side portion comprises a tapered surface, wherein the height of the first side portion decreases as the first side portion is traversed from the first [edge]side of the strip of media towards the center of the strip of media.
3. The tear bar of claim 1 wherein the second side portion comprises a tapered surface, wherein the height of the second side portion decreases as the second side portion is traversed from the second [edge]side of the strip of [vouchers]media towards the center of the strip of [vouchers]media.

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On page 2, line 13, please insert --a-- after the word "to".

On page 3, line 1, please delete "that" after "bars."